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Title: BACKLIGHT FOR LCD's

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Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

3. The illumination device for display device as  
claimed in Claim 1, wherein said light reflection member has  
an opening faced to said side end of said light guide plate,  
and wherein said light sources are accommodated inside said  
light reflection member so as to emit light from said opening  
to said light guide plate.

4. The illumination device for display device as  
claimed in Claim 1, wherein said light guide plate is  
provided on a rear surface side of a display panel of a  
transmission liquid crystal display device, and has a light

reflection layer on a surface on the opposite side to said liquid crystal display device.

5. The illumination device for display device as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said light sources are elongated lamps provided in approximately parallel to each other along the side end of said light guide plate.

REMARKS

The foregoing Preliminary Amendment to claims 3-5 were made solely to avoid filing the claim in the multiple dependant form so as to avoid the additional filing fee.

The claims were not amended in order to address issues of patentability and Applicant respectfully reserves all rights she may have under the Doctrine of Equivalents. Applicant furthermore reserves her right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein at a later time during the prosecution of this application or continuing applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **APPENDIX**

3. (Amended) The illumination device for display device as claimed in Claim 1 [or 2], wherein said light reflection member has an opening faced to said side end of said light guide plate, and wherein said light sources are accommodated inside said light reflection member so as to emit light from said opening to said light guide plate.

4. (Amended) The illumination device for display device as claimed in [any one of] Claim[s] 1 [to 3], wherein said light guide plate is provided on a rear surface side of a display panel of a transmission liquid crystal display device, and has a light reflection layer on a surface on the opposite side to said liquid crystal display device.

5. (Amended) The illumination device for display device as claimed in [any one of] Claim[s] 1 [to 4], wherein said light sources are elongated lamps provided in approximately parallel to each other along the side end of said light guide plate.